

TCSWMO Dump Trucks Sub Committee MEETING
Zoom
January 11, 2021

The following directors were present: Peter Beckett, Charles Garrigan, Tom Pitzi, Norman Casas tried but was unable to get access to the zoom meeting,

Also present was David Stanley, Facility Manager.

Meeting opened at 6:35pm

Election of chairman and secretary: A motion by Charles Garrigan and seconded by Tom Pitzi to appoint Peter Beckett as chairman. Unanimous.
Peter also volunteered to do the minutes. - No objections

Changes to Agenda: Tom requested that we add to the agenda the following: We define what we want to accomplish and discuss what modifications to policies or facilities are needed.

1. Define what we want to accomplish We should be only allow dump trucks to use the facility up to a max of 1 ton truck. Also that there should only be garbage that has been collected from residents of the member towns in accordance with our policy and procedures. (e.g. must be in green bags or contractor bags). Also compactor trucks would not be allowed. David mentioned that if there are contractor bags then there must be one of the staff looking at what is dumped to make sure they are all counted as they need to be paid for which is what they do today. David mentioned that he had only seen 2 and at the most three haulers interested in using a dump truck. He said there were 5-6 regular haulers. Charles asked if we track the revenue from black bags and we decided to park that for later.

2. Define why we want to allow dump trucks. The following points were made: We have had a request from one of the haulers to allow this since he already is using a dump truck at the station. There was one other hauler who had a dump truck who subsequently sold it when the policy changed but would have preferred to continue using it. Safety for the drivers who must stand in their trucks and throw the garbage into the trailer where if they slipped, they can fall either onto the ground or into the trash trailer. The dump body can be 5 feet off the ground. Most of the haulers are older and there could be a turnover in the next few years and not allowing dump trucks may make potential haulers avoid our area. David felt that he has always been able to provide a contact of one of our haulers to a resident who has asked for someone to pick up trash. David said that these haulers will also do other hauling jobs for customers besides trash such as moving a couch or a large piece of furniture etc. David felt the haulers bring in \$30,000 to \$35,000 of trash per year based on bag revenue. Tom mentioned that we should send a questionnaire to the haulers to ask if they would use a dump truck to see if there is a demand out there besides Brad Leemen. We parked this issue

3. Why did we stop allowing dumping directly into trash trailer. Policy is not written in response to an insurance consideration. It was written due to DOL rules that we must keep the gates closed at all times to eliminate the possibility of the public inadvertently falling into the trash trailer. The trailer bottom is at least 10 ft below the concrete pad and any drop more than 4 ft must have a guard rail. This policy is endorsed by the DEP as well as our insurance people, MMA. David also said that we had been written up by the DEP for having the gates open some years ago and that had prompted us to move the gates to be nearer to the edge so people could easily throw their garbage over them into the trailer. David also mentioned that the gates are opened on one side when the backhoe is used to compress the garbage. When this happens there is an attendant who ensures customers do not use the side with the open gates. As the gates open from the center

there is a partial barrier to stop people from going to that side where the backhoe is. Peter mentioned that this might be something we put in the operating instructions. David said he would take a look at it. David mentioned that for the metal and construction trailers we also need to keep the gates closed and we had gates fabricated a couple of years ago for this. However we do open the gates to allow dump trucks to unload their contents into them. Only an attendant is allowed to open the gates and the attendant makes sure no one else is allowed into the vicinity of the open gate. When asked if we could have the same procedure for the trash building David said we have too many people in there at any one time to be able to do this.

There are about 5 haulers that come in each week. Two of them come in once per week and two, twice per week. The other comes in every other week most of the time. Three of the haulers do make trips on Saturdays.

Charlie asked what happened when the trash trailer is full. David said that we allow patrons to leave their trash bags next to the gates and when the trailer has been swapped out we use the backhoe to push the trash into the trailer or if a small number of bags the attendants will do it manually. David mentioned that we had a major problem when we were open on Sundays as we could not get someone to swap the trailers on Sundays and the trash would pile up on the floor.

Trash on the floor. Tom asked what the issue is with trash on the floor. David said the DEP frowns on uncontained trash, and they were not happy when trash bags missed the trailer and would be on the floor under the trailer. They also consider trash on the floor as uncontained trash and that is why when we were open on Sundays and the trash was put on the floor, it was a problem as the trash stayed on the floor until Tuesday. David said that bags being temporarily on the floor we would probably be forgiven by the DEP.

4. Potential solutions

1. Allow dumping on the floor while gates are closed then open the gates and allow the backhoe to push the garbage in. David felt this would tie up a bay while they allow the dumping of the trash and get the backhoe to push it in. Also potential of falling foul of the uncontained trash rule. Also doing this on a Saturday might be an issue with the volume of traffic. It was discussed that we could restrict to mid week or limit the hours when they come in. Also need to think about time needed for the this to happen. If trailer is almost full then need to consider how to handle the addition of trash from a dump truck.

2. Close the whole building to stop residents entering and allow the dump truck to dump into the trailer. Questions about how long this would take. Do we need something to stop truck from backing into trailer. Maybe while building is closed to have the back hoe take the trash from residents in the bucket. This may be only 1-2 times a week so may not be a significant issue. Possibility of charging for using dump truck.

3. Have another bin somewhere where trash could be unloaded by dump truck and then this transferred to the trailer later. May require some infrastructure for this option.

4. Have dedicated separate area for the haulers to use and an area for the public to use.

Followup items David to call DEP and find out what constitutes uncontained trash. to see if dumping on the floor would be allowed.

Wait on talking to the haulers until we have fleshed out the possible options.